

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MORGAN COUNCIL  
COUNCILMET IN A JOINT SESSION ON THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND DON ADAMS (COMMISSIONERS) AND KENNY HALE, BOB O'NEAL, PAUL PRATHER, JEFF QUYLE, AND VICKIE KIVETT (COUNCIL). BRENDA ADAMS, COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, WERE ALSO PRESENT. BRYAN COLLIER AND RYAN GOODWIN WERE ABSENT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

KENNY HALE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**ROADS**

The condition of the county roads was discussed including revenue sources for repairs. Revenue is decreasing and expenses are increasing. A long term road improvement plan, impact fees, frost laws, and writing tickets using local ordinances were also discussed. Also, questions were asked about the relative proportion of expenses that are allocated to labor, equipment, and paving, and whether there needs to be a shifting of funds. The sources of funding for roads were identified as LRS, MVH, EDIT, Cumulative Bridge, among others, as well as the county option excise fees.

**911 FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The number of dispatch centers in the county must be reduced to two by January 2014. The dispatch feasibility study will be submitted in September. The Town of Mooresville will participate in the study and the City of Martinsville stated that if Mooresville will participate, then so will they.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

In-house employee clinics were discussed as well as increasing costs.

**DITCHES**

The cleaning and maintenance of Lake Ditch and funding for the continued maintenance of county ditches was discussed, including a general drain tax and using county employees and leased equipment to clean and maintain ditches.

**WHEEL TAX**

The surtax is \$10 for passenger vehicles and can range from \$7.50 to \$25. The Wheel Tax is \$20 for most vehicles and goes up to \$30 for heavier vehicles. The maximum is \$40. These funds go to the Local Road and Street Fund.

**FEMA FLOOD MAPS**

FEMA has updated flood maps and there will be a public meeting on July 12 to review the maps. The updated maps will affect flood insurance requirements.

**LOIT**

Township fire departments are asking for additional funds from the LOIT (Local Optional Income Tax) public safety funds. The county is using this fund for additional jail personnel.

**AIRPORT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Last summer the Indianapolis Airport revised and updated the 30-year plan for the airport. They have an economic growth region (airtropolis) for the area surrounding the airport and all that it provides for shipping and transportation to generate economic growth. They would like to come up with specific ways the communities surrounding the airport can be involved in the planning. They will draft a non-binding memorandum of understanding to present to the Commissioners.

**PARKS & GREENWAY**

The county has applied for a DNR grant for matching funds for a park and trail in the Waverly area. Upkeep of the trail and park were also discussed.

**RECESS**

12:00 pm

**RECONVENE**

1:15 pm

**MADISON TOWNSHIP FIRE**

Kenny VanSlyke, Madison Township Fire Department, discussed the Madison Township Fire budget,

salaries, insurance, overtime, retirement, and benefits. County wide fire, coverage, and mutual aid were also discussed.

**COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The ambulance task force has met and requested responses from 15 different entities and only received replies from 5. Departments seem unwilling to submit information. A suggestion was made that firefighters should be EMTs. Bob Bolin, Washington Township, stated that EMT training costs approximately \$700 and paramedic training costs approximately \$6,000. A LOIT incentive was discussed for township fire departments that have paramedics or EMTs.

**EMPLOYEE WAGES / HOURS**

Employee wage increase, merit raises, benefits, insurance, holiday pay, retirement, and vacation were discussed along with a comparison of pay to the private sector. The increase of work hours from 35 to 40 for some offices, and if this was justified was discussed. The ability to meet deadlines, cross training, and rovers were also discussed.

**HIRING FREEZE**

Several budgets have been submitted with requests for additional employees, especially at the jail. The Park Board has also requested an employee to administer grants and administrative tasks and a part time employee for park maintenance.

**ACTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

The Acting Highway Superintendent, Jimmy Waggoner, has expressed a desire to retire yet keep working for the county. Norman Voyles and Kenny Hale stated that others employees have drawn PERF and kept working. Brian Goss stated that he thought that an employee must be off work for three months after applying for PERF benefits, and this would cause a discontinuance of longevity benefits. Norman Voyles stated that he thought the employee could apply for PERF without ending employment.

**INKEEPER TAX**

Kenny Hale requested an update on revenue from the Innkeeper Tax, but information was not available.

**JOINT MEETINGS**

Having quarterly or semi-annual joint Commissioner / Council meetings was discussed. It was decided to meet twice a year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob O’Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 9-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Morgan County Council

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Kenny Hale

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Brian Goss

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Robert O’Neal

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Don Adams

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Bryan Collier

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Paul Prather

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Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Jeff Quyle

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